

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 13-03-26**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 25, 2013
Commission Meeting: March 26, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of March 18, 2013

2. Limo Scene Limousine Service (TN2571) (Brenda)

Ron Kindsfather d/b/a Limo Scene Limousine Service, Billings, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 8949 to Kindsfathers, Inc. d/b/a Limo Scene Limousine Service, Billings, Montana for the period March 26, 2013 to September 26, 2013. Probable Motion: Approve the lease of PSC No. 8949 as requested.

SUB A Class B - Passengers between all points and places within a **200 mile radius** of Billings, Montana. Limitations: (1) Transportation must originate a) in Yellowstone County or b) within a fifty (50) mile radius of Billings, Montana. (2) Transportation is limited to luxury limousine service only. (3) Transportation is restricted to twelve (12) passengers or less. (4) Transportation of Burlington Northern crews is prohibited. (5) Transportation as a bus, jitney or taxi is prohibited. (6) Service is restricted to that provided by reservations made at least one (1) hour in advance. (7) Transportation to Park, Gallatin or Madison Counties in Montana is further limited to that which originates in Yellowstone County, Montana.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2013.2.12 – McCone Electric Co-op, Inc. and Tongue River Electric Cooperative – Boundary Agreement – Discuss and act on McCone Electric and Tongue River's request for approval of their boundary agreement and memorandum of understanding. (3/26/13)
2. D2012.3.32 – NWE – Application for Approval of Natural Gas Universal System Benefits Charge Rate Adjustments – Discuss and act on final order. (3/26/13)
3. D2010.2.14 – James T. & Elizabeth A. Gruba, et al. – Gruba v. NorthWestern Energy – Brief commissioners on case, discuss status of the case, and seek direction from Commission. (3/26/13)

4. D2012.5.49 – NWE – 2011 – 2012 Electricity Supply Tracker – Discuss and act on the Motion for Protective Order and Motion to Intervene for the Limited Purpose of Applying for a Protective Order filed by Gordon Butte Wind, LLC.(3/26/13)
5. D2012.1.3 / CDV-2013-37 - NorthWestern Energy - Motion for Stay of portions of Final Order 7199d Pending Judicial Review – Discuss and act on NWE's Motion for Stay. (3/26/13)
6. Placeholder - Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction and PSC response to bills.(3/26/13)

Other Meetings

2/26/13 – 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Century Link merger compliance & informational meeting (Bollinger Room)

3/27/13 – 10:00 a.m. – CREPC/SPSC webinar series – Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council modeling tool presentation

3/27/13 – 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – NRRI Teleseminar – Microgrids and their Potential Role in the Smarter Electric Grid (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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1. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. N2013.1.1 (Joel)

On March 21, 2013, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) requested the Commission approve Rate 53, which is the tariff reflecting the costs associated with moving poles and wires to accommodate structure moves.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2013.3.17 - Energy West Montana - Monthly Gas Cost Tracking Application for the Period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014

D2013.3.18 - Valley Water System - Application for Authority to Establish Initial Rates and Charges for Water Service to its Customers in the Missoula, MT Area

D2013.3.19 - Black Hills Corporation - Application for Authority to Establish a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider